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Response to Election of Species Requirement

The Examiner has found two patentably distinct species of the invention with species I being represented by Figure 4 and species II being represented by Figures 5 and 6. The Examiner stated that claims 1-4, 7-11 and 14-17 are generic. The Independent claims are 1, 8, 12 and 14.

The Applicants elect species II for purposes of examination without traverse. The claims that are readable on species II are 1-15.

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